

Rev. Porter W. Snow

Baltimore, July 16/46.

body. Our little church have subscribed
for stock to the amount of about \$3000. We
shall hope to raise as much more in the
city. Can you not help us to one or two
thousand dollars? Do you not know of
5 or 10 men who will give us one or two
hundred dollars each. They can take
pew for it, if they prefer, & thus only
borrow it to us, & we are to pay 6 per cent
on the pews. It is to be called for from
November next, one eighth of the subscrip-
tions per month, till paid, as we mean
to finish the edifice by June 1877.

Please write me, on the subject.

Yours, from the home of
bondage & martyrdom,

Porter H. Shaw.

P.S. Please say nothing of our design to
have no fellowship with slavery to any
persons who will injure us by reporting
the idea here-

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the cause of religion than they ask to be done
now for them.

You know my views, Brother Phelps, &
how ardently I desire to do all in my power
to save the church from corruption, & souls
from perishing. I know that while churches
here allow their members to buy & sell rum,
& the bodies & souls of men, while they
allow the sins of theatre-going, sabbath-
visiting, rumselling, & slaveholding to go
unrebuked, it will be of little avail, at
this day, to preach the gospel, mutilated
& perverted. I wish to stand here as
a messenger of God to do my whole duty,
whatever it may be; & I will thank God
& take courage, for all that may be done
for us at the north.

The propose to build a church, worth
\$8000. on ~~an~~ fine eligible lot of ground
that can be had for \$2000. in fee simple.
^{the ground} thus low, because it is left for a church
& cemetery, by a few men who wished to
have a quiet resting place for their own



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I write you at this time to inform you what we are doing here with reference to building a church, & to ask you, & through you to ask others, for aid.

You are aware in what a condition our little church stands. It is more ^{up} of a precious collection of warmhearted, praying, slavery-hating, active Christians: mostly from New England, or of New England origin. The claim it best for us to remain connected with the New School Presbyterian Church, though most of our members are Congregationalists; for we can be aided by them to the amount of 3 or 4 thousand dollars probably.

We need a church edifice at once. A congregation will fill it before it has been finished 3 months. There are many here who do not wish to hear the proslavery preachers of the city, & who will do something towards building a church, but cannot do all. They will hereafter be able to do much more for